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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable F. Edward Hebert, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of 20 February 1973 for our views and recommendations on H. R. 4294, "War Prisoners Retirement Benefits Act of 1973."

H. R. 4294 applies to military members of the Armed Forces and participants or members of the Civil Service, Foreign Service, and CIA retirement systems. The bill provides additional service credit for retirement equal to the period spent as a prisoner of war or in a missing person status.

We are pleased that H. R. 4294 amends the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees as legislation of this type, if enacted, should be broadly applied to Federal staff retirement systems. Since the service credit provision in the CIA Retirement Act is based upon the precedent of the Civil Service Retirement Act, we defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission on the policy implications of H. R. 4294. It is noted that section 3 of the bill applies to both a member or former member of the Armed Forces whereas sections 4, 5, and 6, covering the Foreign Service, Civil Service, and CIA retirement systems, limit the double retirement credit to those in an employee status as of the date of enactment.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

James R. Schlesinger
Director



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25X1 6. [] Called Thomas Graves, Office of Management and Budget, and told him that the Agency did not have any proposals for legislation to be circulated among State legislatures in 1974, and it was agreed that we would send a short note to this effect to close out OMB's 21 February 1973 request on this matter.

25X1 7. [] Called Robert Hull, Department of State, to get an idea of the tack that State would be taking on the Roncallo bill (H. R. 4294) which would credit double retirement time for periods of separation as a prisoner of war or in a missing person status during the Vietnam conflict. Hull said that State's position will be consistent with that of Defense in the response to Chairman Hebert's request for views on the legislation--defer the matter until all the prisoners are returned and all the missing accounted for.

25X1 8. [] Herbert Roback, Staff Director, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislation and Military Operations, called on 3 March to alert us that Chairman Holifield will make a speech on the House floor Monday, 5 March, on the Koch letter concerning the Agency briefing of New York police officers. The speech will follow the understanding resulting from Holifield's letter to the Director and the Director's reply, both of which will be entered into the Record. Roback asked if Chairman Nedzi had been briefed on this matter and I assured him that he had.

25X1 9. [] Left with the receptionist in Representative Wright Patman's (D., Texas) office a suggested reply for a constituent, Marvin R. Stewart, who had inquired about the People's Republic of China Atlas.

25X1 10. [] Met with Mike Finley, Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and lined out some of the details of the informal briefing of the Subcommittee on 14 March 1973. [] OCI, has been advised. See Memorandum for the Record.

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